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SUBJECT: GSP AND MTN

REF: (A) STATE 292792; (B) STATE 289358; (C) STATE 287116

1. ECONOFF MET DEC 12 WITH MEMBERS OF GOB INTERMINISTERIAL TRADE COMMITTEE (MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, INDUSTRY & COMMERCE, AND PLANNING) TO DISCUSS IMPLEMENTATION OF U.S. GSP AND MTN NEGOTIATIONS. MEMBERS PRAISED U.S. GSP ACTION AND EXPRESSED DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH USG IN TAKING MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE OF SYSTEM BY PUBLICIZING IT IN PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENTAL SECTORS AND TAKING IT INTO ACCOUNT IN BOLIVIA'S FORTHCOMING FIVE-YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN. MEMBERS ALSO INDICATED THEY ARE REVIEWING THOSE ITEMS OF INTEREST TO BOLIVIA EXCLUDED FROM FINAL U.S. GSP LIST AND WILL ADVISE USG OF GOB'S INTEREST AND BASIS FOR REQUESTING THEIR INCLUSION AT A LATER DATE.

2. ONE QUESTION RAISED BY GROUP IS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GSP AND GOB'S TROPICAL PRODUCTS REQUEST LIST IN MTN NEGOTIATIONS WHICH TRANSMITTED IN USDEL GENEVA'S A-409 OF OCTOBER 12, 1975.

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IN TROPICAL PRODUCT LIST GOB HAS REQUESTED THAT CERTAIN ITEMS,

SUCH AS WALNUTS, REFINED SUGAR AND VARIOUS OTHER PRODUCTS WHICH ARE ON U.S. GSP LIST, BE "CONSOLIDATED" AS PERMANENT CONCESSIONS UNDER GATT. MEMBERS ASKED HOW DISPOSED USG IS TO SUCH CONSOLIDATION ON PARTICULAR ITEMS.

3. GROUP INDICATED THAT UPON RECEIPT OF U.S. GSP LIST CONTAINING NAMES OF PRODUCTS, IT WOULD TAKE STEPS TO ASSIST IN GIVING BROAD DISTRIBUTION OF GSP INFO SUGGESTED IN REFTEL (B).

4. ACTION REQUESTED: (1) DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO ADVISE EMBASSY OF U.S. POSITION ON "CONSOLIDATION" UNDER GATT OF TROPICAL PRODUCTS COVERED BY U.S. GSP; (2) SINCE GOB IN FINAL STAGES OF PREPARING FIVE-YEAR PLAN, REQUEST DEPARTMENT FORWARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE LIST OF APPROXIMATELY 100 TROPICAL PRODUCT ITEMS MENTIONED IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL (C) WHICH U.S. IS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE AT GENEVA, AND TO AUTHORIZE EMBASSY TO PROVIDE THIS LIST TO GOB TRADE COMMITTEE; AND (3) SEND EMBASSY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE COPY OF GOSP PRODUCT LIST WITH PRODUCT DESCRIPTION MENTIONED PARA 1 OF REFTEL (A).

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